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SUBJ: NGUENE, SWIFT SHIPS, AND MONEY OWED USNAVY

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1. ON FEB. 10 AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER DATED FEB. 5 FROM PRESIDENT BONGO REGARDING MONEY SOUGHT BY US NAVY FROM GOG FOR PURCHASE, TRANSPORTATION AND INSTALLATION OF ARMS ON SWIFT SHIPS' PATROL CRAFT NGUENE SOLD TO GOG. BILLS TOTAL WAS \$81.911.10.

2. ACCORDING TO LETTER, CONTRACT SIGNED IN JAN. 1974 BY GOG WITH SWIFT SHIPS FOR \$69,476, OF WHICH \$62,874 WAS FOR PURCHASE OF CANNON, MACHINE GUNS AND LIGHT ARMS, AND \$6,602 FOR INSTALLATION AND INSTRUCTION. THIS WAS PAID TO SWIFT SHIPS. LETTER STATES THAT CONTRACT NEVER SIGNED WITH US NAVY, THUS BILL TOTALLY UNEXPECTED. LETTER CONTINUES GOG CONSULTED SWIFT SHIPS, WHO STATED THAT \$6,602 WAS FOR EXPENSES OF US NAVY PERSONNEL, THAT \$62,874 HAD BEEN PAID BY SWIFT SHIPS TO NAVY FOR ARMAMENTS BUT THAT DIFFERENCE OF \$19,037.10 MUST BE PAID BY GOG.

3. LETTER ASKS AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT GOG POSITION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPETENT USG AUTHORITIES, GOG POSITION IS THAT

GOG WILL NOT PAY ANYTHING TO US NAVY WITH
WHOM THEY HAVE NEVER DEALT, THAT GOG SIGNED CONTRACT WITH
SWIFT SHIPS IN WHICH THERE WAS NO CLAUSE FOR REVISION OF
PRICES AND THAT IT IS SWIFT SHIPS' RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY
US NAVY.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNABLE TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENT'S
LETTER, AS LETTERS OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (REFTELS) NOT AVAILABLE IN
POST
FILES. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION FROM DEPT. TO ENABLE
RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER. STEIGMAN

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